

than five nor more than ten miles each, and to appoint upon each section a competent section superintendent, whose duty it shall be to do such repairs as will keep his section in good condition. In case of heavy storms or when the road-bed has been badly damaged he shall be authorized to employ additional men for a short time to place the road in thorough repair.

SEC. 6. That the compensation of the supervisor, section superintendent and others employed shall be fixed by the board of county commissioners and paid by the treasurer *ex officio* on their order from the funds herein provided.

SEC. 7. That the board of county commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to place to the credit of the road fund herein provided any surplus on hand at the close of the fiscal years ending in one thousand nine hundred and five and one thousand nine hundred and six, not exceeding five thousand dollars in any one year, and which shall be used as other funds for the purposes designated in this act.

SEC. 8. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified this 24th day of February, A. D. 1905.

CHAPTER 488.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ERECTION OF A BRIDGE ACROSS THE CATAWBA RIVER BETWEEN BURKE AND CALDWELL COUNTIES.

WHEREAS, The erection and establishment of a bridge over and across the Catawba River at a point where said stream divides the counties of Burke and Caldwell at or near the old (Daniel) Johnson ferry or ford is a necessary expense to be borne by the said counties: now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That the two several Boards of Commissioners of Burke and Caldwell Counties be and they are hereby authorized and specifically directed to construct, build and establish for the use of the public, over and across the Catawba River at or near the old (Daniel) Johnson ferry or ford, where the said stream divides the one of said counties from the other, an iron or steel bridge of standard width and pattern, the costs and charges thereof to be defrayed by the said counties of Burke and Caldwell in proportion to the taxable polls in each of said counties, out of the funds to be raised and secured by the said two several boards of commissioners in the manner hereinafter provided.